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Dear Mr. Benson:

As a flunky for the very biased Spencer Abraham you wrote me in answer to my letter to him. All the usual hype about water and how safe Yucca Mountain would be. You very adroitly avoided three major issues.

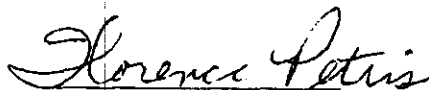
Yucca Mountain is earthquake prone for one thing. For another transporting this dangerous element throughout many states is ridiculous. With all the overturned trucks and all the raging drivers on the road this is a monstrous idea.

Also, while Yucca Mountain may be less than 100 miles from Vegas it is NOT isolated there are communities between here and there.

The states that generate this stuff ought to keep it within their boundaries. Furthermore, Utah and New Mexico were willing to take this on, we are NOT! My own home state of Michigan has salt mines dormant way below the earth's surface that could house Michigan's waste themselves for instance.

And, for the DOE to spend \$16.5 million to hire a law firm with ties to and monies from the nuclear industry certainly doesn't say much for the integrity of your bosses especially the one that Michigan voted out, Spencer Abraham! Promises and reassurances from these caliber of people means absolutely nothing. Further, Winston & Strawn are going to render an unbiased, FAIR and impartial opinion of Yucca Mountain? Give me a break!

Disgustedly,


Florence Petris